

the country, but that in the present war he remains neutral (for it cannot be said that he is not neutral), and we shall respect the rights of those who take up arms against our lives and property. The American residents and merchants in Chihuahua, of whom there were about 100, received ill treatment from the Mexican authorities. Complaints and insults were offered them. They were mostly kept in custody in the barracks, and were not allowed to leave the limits of the city. They were taunted, insulted, told that when Com. Doniphan should arrive they would be hanged, and they would be hanged. They were delivered over to the populace, to be dealt with as their caprices should dictate. They even exhibited in the anticipation of the tortures and cruel deaths which would inflict upon them. The presumptions, sarcasms and threats of the soldiers, and the epithets

turns the citizens of this state, that they are not to be disturbed in their capital, and has the satisfaction to assure them that complete tranquility exists therein.

"I am, in the name of his government, that having taken possession of the capital, after consulting the people of this state, has fully taken possession of this state.

"He invites the citizens of all the towns and ranches to come to the capital, to come to this capital to buy and sell as formerly before the late war, and to do so in perfect safety, and shall in no manner be molested, troubled, and as already said their property shall be respected; for if they are not satisfied with the present stand in need of anything, a fair price shall be given for the value of their property and personalty.

"He likewise declares, that the American troops will punish with

forms the citizens of this state, that they shall be free to leave the limits of this capital, and have the satisfaction to assure them that complete tranquillity exists therein.

"He likewise, in the name of his government, that having taken possession of the capital, after consulting the citizens, he has equally taken possession of the state.

"He invites the citizens of all the towns and ranchos, to continue their traffic to come to this capital to buy and sell as formerly before the late disturbances, and that they shall be so in manner be molested, troubled, and as already said, their property shall be respected; for if the contrary should be the case, he stands in need of anything, a fair price shall be given for the value thereof, and the purchase money.

"He likewise declares, that the American troops will punish with the sword any person who shall offend his country, but that he will spare his country, but that is the present war he remains neutral; for it cannot be said that he is against the Americans, who shall respect the Rights of the men take up arms against our liberty.

"He likewise declares, that the American residents and merchants in Chihuahua, of whom there were about 400, received all treatment from the American troops, and the cities and locally were offered the same. They were mostly kept in custody, and were not allowed to leave the limits of the city. They were taken into custody that when Col. Doniphan was in the capital of Mexico arrived there, they would be immediately turned over to the populace, to be dealt with as their caprices should dictate, and that he would not be concerned. They even exhibited in the celebration of the Interoceanic and were taken into custody, and were turned over to the populace, to be dealt with as their caprices should dictate, and that he would not be concerned.

"To thencey often added the epithet